





SCHOOL # 2 NEWTOWN PHOTOS FROM YEARS PAST

CONTINUED PAGE 2

YEAR 1946

PICTURED INSIDE THE CLASSROOM in 1946 were

FRONT ROW L TO R-

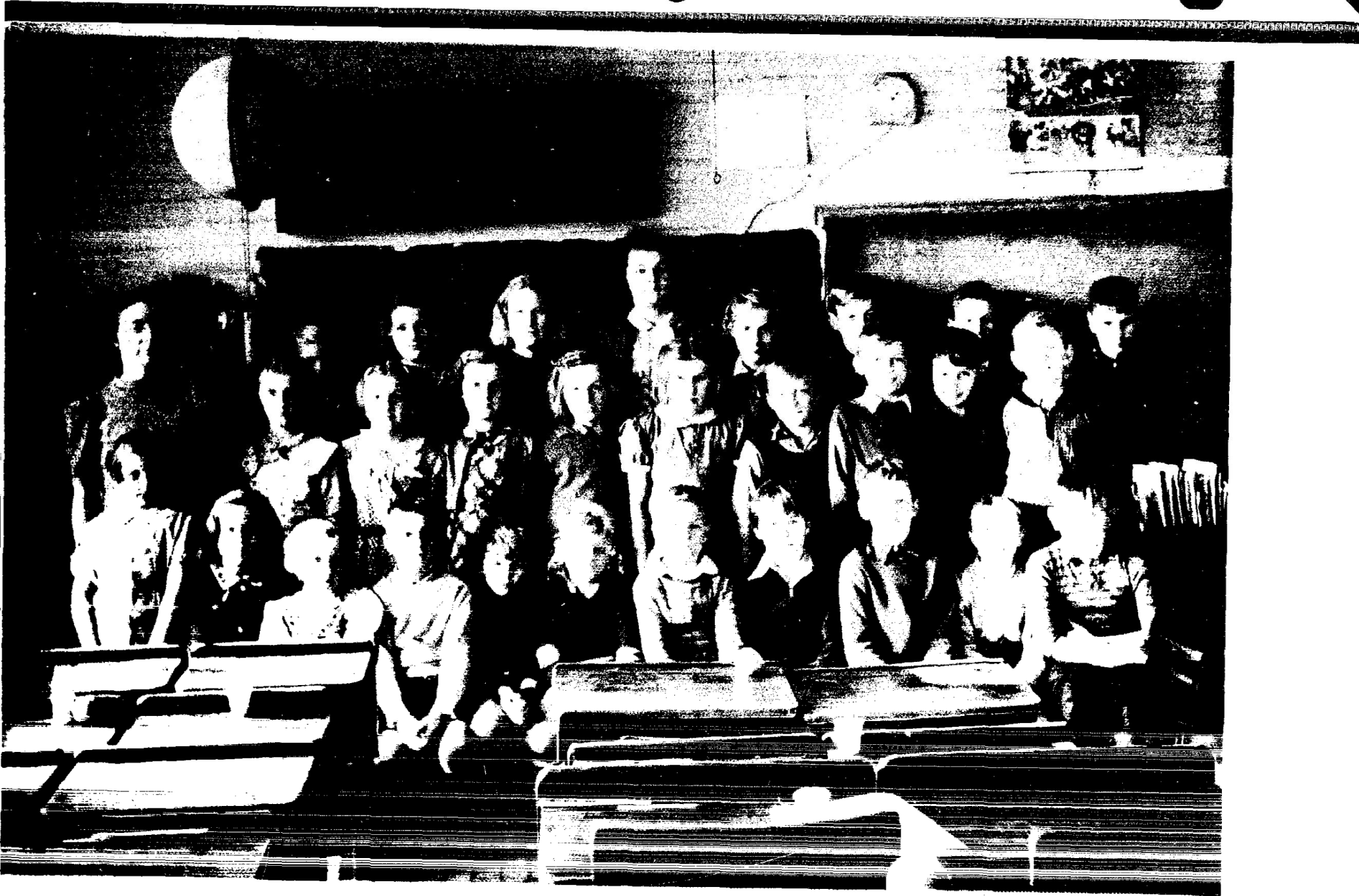
John Gorcesky, Shelda Werner, Jim Werner, Steve Annusewsky, William Pohl, Sandra Swatling, Marion Werner, Donna Werner, Kay Gorcesky, Frances Jeske, Gail Faulkner,

MIDDLE ROW L TO R

Marvin Werner, Edwin Faulkner, Edward Betts, John Chuckta, Harvey Hayner, Donald Michaloski, Leonard Swatling, William Betts, Adam Pingelski, William Bryk.

BACK ROW L TO R

Ann Genevick, AURELLA HARRIS Teacher- Barbara Faulkner, Shirley Norton (Travis) Stasia Pingelski (Mrs Ellis Hayner) Dorothy Vosburg (Marshall) John Michaloski, Bobby Michaloski, Bobby Fellows.





## FRANK KOWALCZYK

Box 347 RFD #2, Mechanicville, N.Y. 12118  
664-3692

Upper Newtown Road & McVillie-Watf. Road  
House faces McVillie-Waterford Road

Dear Friends

The enclosed photograph of students of SCHOOL #3 NEWTOWN (present plans house formerly COWELL'S) may be of interest to you. This is part of my collection of old HALFMOON schools, buildings etc obliation.

This photo according to MISS ADELLA HARRIS who was a school teacher dates circa about 1940 about a decade before one room schools were eliminated in centralization of SHENANDAWA etc

Pictured above are

FRONT ROW: left to right Shirley Horton now (Mrs Travis); Stasia Pincelski; now Mrs Mayner \*; Anna Genovick, Augustine Wasko, William Bette; Adam Pincelski; John Annuscenty; Wayne Faulkner; Howard Bette; Robert Fellow; Donald Wines

SECOND ROW: left to right:

Adella Harris TEACHER; Loretta Genovick (Mrs Swelling) Dorothy Vosturgh (Marshall); Irene Mayner (Doyton); Lillian Morysiewicz; Jane Genovick; William Pincelski; Michael Jaska; Meredith Fellow.  
STEPHEN PINCELSKI

THIRD ROW: left to right

Bornie Goverenski; Elaine Wasko; Lorraine Satterlee(Coonts); Atasia Jaska(Mrs Wiskark; Flashaer); 12 Helen Goverenski; Joseph Pincelski; Louis Morysiewicz; Robert Mittal.

If you have any corrections or comments I would appreciate them.

Thank You

6/1/07

FJK

Ellen  
from Minsky

Left to right

Row 1 Shirley Norton, Stasia Pingelski, Anna Gencwick, Augustine Hasko  
Wm. Betts, Adam Pingelski, John Annusky, Wayne Fackhauer,  
Howard Betts, Robert Fellows, Donald Hines

Row 2  
Adella Harris (Teacher) Loretta Gencwick, Dorothy Vosburg, Irene Haynes  
Lillian Borysewicz, Jane Gencwick, Wm. Pingelski, Stephen Pingelski,  
Michael Jeske, Meredith Fellows

Row 3

Sophie Goverski, Elaine Hasko, Lorraine Satterlee, Stasia Jeske,  
Helen Goverski, Joseph Pingelski, Lewis Borysewicz, Robert Kullak



ALTA FOSHAY

## Dinner Party Honors Alta Foshay On 91st

By DOROTHY SCHNEIDER

LAKE HELEN — "If it weren't for my walker, I'd dance an Irish jig," declared Alta Foshay who turned 91 on St. Patrick's Day.

Birthday greetings from President Reagan and a dinner party made the day especially meaningful to Mrs. Foshay who has made her home here since 1955. A retired science teacher, she taught 32 years before retiring and is the widow of a Congregational minister.

"I've had a good and happy life," Mrs. Foshay said. Although she relies on a walker, she still is able to keep house and prepare her own meals. "Of course, I get lots of help. My neighbors look after me," she explained.

She recalled that before she received her B.S. from Elmira (N.Y.) College in 1919, she taught in a country school. "I taught all eight grades and received \$10 a week," she laughingly recalled. She added, "But in those days that was not bad pay, high top shoes cost \$4 then."

She notes the many changes she has seen "from the horse and buggy days to the space age." But the biggest change, she believes, has been in the attitudes of people, both children and adult.

"I'd like to step back in the classroom tomorrow, but I don't think I could cope with today's children," Mrs. Foshay continued. "I was only 18 years old when I started teaching, but in those days when a teacher spoke, the students obeyed."

Mrs. Foshay's special day was climaxed with a dinner party held at Shannon's by Mr. and Mrs. Del Murren.

Guests were Mrs. Foshay's cousins, Mr. and Mrs.

## Alta Foshay

LAKE HELEN, Fla. — Alta Foshay, 91, of Lake Helen, formerly of Halfmoon, former teacher and widow of Frederic Foshay, died suddenly Dec. 2

at Fish Memorial Hospital in DeLand. Death was attributed to natural causes.

She was daughter of the late Eddy B. and Anna Skidmore Rice. Mrs. Foshay was a graduate of Waterford High School and the former Elmira College, class of 1919. She was a member of the former Baptist Church of Halfmoon and a member of Halfmoon Grange. She had taught in districts 1 and 2 of Halfmoon, Yonkers High School and Rockville Center School on Long Island.

Survivors include several cousins.

A memorial service was held Dec. 10 at the First United Church of Christ in Lake Helen.

Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy.

## HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

### A Tribute to Alta Rice Foshay Teacher

Alta Rice began teaching in September 1914, at the age of 18. Her first school was District #2, Halfmoon, known as Newtown.

Her Trustee was Richard Hill, with whom she boarded and walked to school a distance of about one mile.

Then she attended "Elmira College," graduating in 1919. She taught Science in Yonkers High School and in Rockville Center.

She married Frederic Foshay, a Congregational Minister. She was soon back at teaching and chose the upper grades (Grades 5 through 8) in School District #1, located in the Village of Halfmoon. After 32 years of teaching she retired.

A memorial Service was held at the Church of Christ in Lake Helen, Florida. Her pastor spoke of her influence on children, though she bore none, but her family numbered many. She had left the world better and more beautiful than she found it.

(Submitted by Adella I. Harris, friend, and also a former Teacher in School Dist. #2. Enclosed is an article from the Sunday News from DeLand, Fla., including her picture, the event of the Dinner Party honoring her 91st birthday and the receiving of Birthday Greetings from President Ronald Reagan.)



nrh



HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

In 1843 a piece of land adjacent to the highway was given to the district by Stephen R. Smith. A school house was built on this land.

The first structure was built of wood, and in 1889 it was covered with bricks. A mason and his helper were paid \$7.00 for their work.

Two slate blackboards were purchased for \$3.35. Double desks and seats were installed. The building was heated with wood and coal. The cost of coal was \$5.25 a ton.

Adella I. Harris\*

\*Written and submitted by Miss Harris  
Feb/March, 1984.

nrh



## HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

Newtown -- Dist. 2 Halfmoon  
by Adella Harris

I received my Elementary Education in our one-room country school. I was 8 years old when I started. I already had learned to read, write, spell and do simple arithmetic. My first teacher was Elosia M. Curtis, whose home was in Stillwater, N. Y.

In good weather I walked to and from school which was a distance of about a mile and a quarter. In bad weather my father would drive us to school with horse and carriage.

Most of the pupils carried their lunch, and lunch boxes were set on a shelf in the back of the room. There were no drinking fountains, but everyone drank from a pail with a tin dipper. Water was brought from the nearest neighbor.

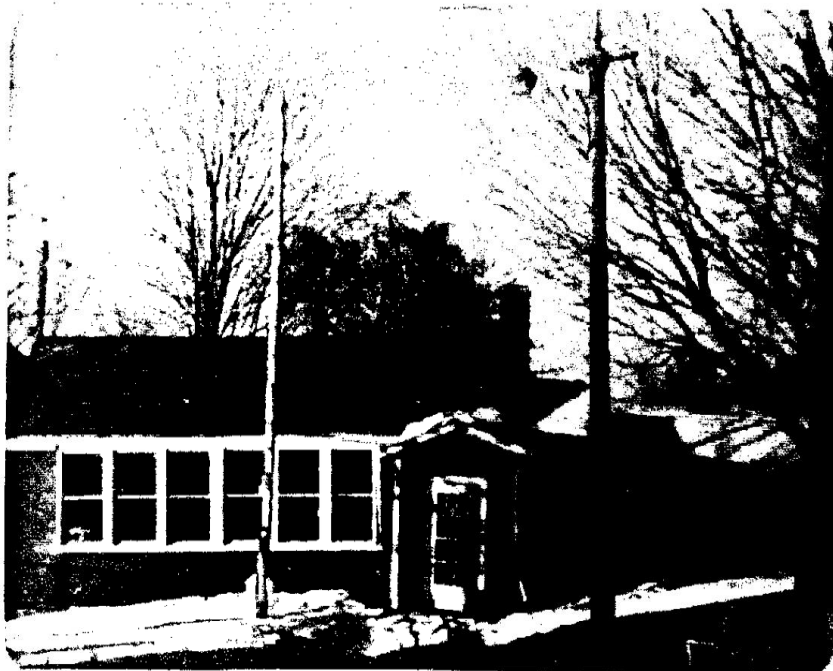
In 1921 chemical toilets were installed at a cost of \$555.58 for addition to the building and cost of the same. This was the only school to have indoor toilets.

In 1923 I completed 8th Grade and started High School in Waterford.

I found High School very different from "The Little Red School House" that I had attended.

Adella I. Harris

nrh



HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT # 2

Teaching School -- #2  
by Adella Harris - Teacher

Upon graduating from Oneonta Normal School in 1932 I began teaching in Newtown or District #2, Halfmoon.

I had pupils in every Grade from 1 through 8. There were 31 to 40 pupils in this small room. The pupils were seated as if the desks and chairs were double with only a narrow aisle between. A large jacketed stove stood in the rear and one of the older children acted as janitor. The stove burned both wood and coal. Many times I needed to help get the fire going and pile on more wood.

In the fall while the weather was still warm flies became annoying. On a hot day all the windows would be left open. Screen was purchased and fitted to all the windows. It was wonderful to have no more flies.

During the years 1930-1936 Eighth Grade Graduation exercises for the Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park were held in the Baptist Church in Halfmoon. Essays were read by pupils from each Town.

It was customary for each school to present a Christmas Program. At Newtown it was held in the Methodist Church which was near the school. The children gave recitations, plays and sang Christmas Carols.

In 1946 it was voted at the Annual Meeting to send the 7th and 8th Grades to Mechanicville. The district paid the tuition and the transportation.

I taught here for more than 12 years. Then I went to Waterford to teach a 6th Grade Class.

I recall the pleasant years of teaching in Newtown, where the children were cooperative and eager to learn. I found the children loved recesses and noon hour because they played out of doors. Children of all ages played happily together. Sometimes I joined in their games.

Nearby was Mr. Govereske's orchard which provided the children with an abundant supply of apples. They would often bring 4 or 5 apples to their desk and line them up in a row. In winter the children slid down hill, right beside the school. Instead of a sled, they often used a board or box which worked very well when there was any ice. The children also had the privilege of playing under the church sheds. It was fortunate for the children to have a place to play when the weather was too bad to play outdoors.

In 1950 our school became a part of the Shenendehowa Central School District and "The Little Red School House" was closed forever.

HALFMOON SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

A Tribute to Alta Rice Foshay  
Teacher

Alta Rice began teaching in September 1914, at the age of 18. Her first school was District #2, Halfmoon, known as Newtown.

Her Trustee was Richard Hill, with whom she boarded and walked to school a distance of about one mile.

Then she attended "Elmira College," graduating in 1919. She taught Science in Yonkers High School and in Rockville Center.

She married Frederic Foshay, a Congregational Minister. She was soon back at teaching and chose the upper grades (Grades 5 through 8) in School District #1, located in the Village of Halfmoon. After 32 years of teaching she retired.

A memorial Service was held at the Church of Christ in Lake Helen, Florida. Her pastor spoke of her influence on children, though she bore none, but her family numbered many. She had left the world better and more beautiful than she found it.

(Submitted by Adella I. Harris, friend, and also a former Teacher in School Dist. #2. Enclosed is an article from the Sunday News from DeLand, Fla., including her picture, the event of the Dinner Party honoring her 91st birthday and the receiving of Birthday Greetings from President Ronald Reagan.)





**CARTER AND CONBOY**

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
74 CHAPEL STREET      94 REMSEN STREET  
ALBANY, N. Y.      COHOES, N. Y.

J. S. CARTER  
M. JAMES CONBOY  
JOHN J. DOHERTY  
ARTHUR E. WALKER  
JOHN W. CEBULA  
JAMES S. CARTER

Cohoes, New York  
August 25, 1950

Mr. Rodney A. Winans,  
District Superintendent of Schools  
Round Lake, New York

Dear Mr. Winans:

We represent the National Automotive Fibres which recently purchased the unused schoolhouse property owned by School District #2 in the Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon.

We have conferred with James H. Glavin, attorney for the School District relative to the history of the title and he informed us you would have some information relative to the same.

On December 13, 1866, this property was purchased by the Trustees of Districts Nos. 8 and 18 of the Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon. We have been unable to find any record whereby School Districts Nos. 8 and 18 were changed to School District #2. Mr. Glavin is of the opinion that these records may have been destroyed in the fire in the State Capitol in 1911 or in the fire which destroyed the Waterford Town Hall in the same year.

We shall be pleased to know if you have any information or records which would indicate that the present School District #2 of the Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon was formerly known as Districts Nos. 8 and 18 of the same Towns.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

CARTER & CONBOY

By



MJC:z

# *School Centralization*

## *Proposed Plan . . .*

CLIFTON PARK  
HALF MOON  
MALTA



Former Newtown School Building when it was  
operated as an antique store by Carl Covell



(Copy of) Notice of Special District Meeting, Former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon.

Notice is hereby given that a special district meeting of the inhabitants of former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, qualified to vote at school meetings in said former school district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said former district on the 10th day of March 1953 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to vote upon the following two questions:

1. Shall the school in the former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, be discontinued June 30, 1953?
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston, and Stillwater, be authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the school building and site of the former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, when it is determined by the Board of Education of the Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, et. al., that the said property is no longer needed for school purposes for the pupils of said former district or of the central district?

Done pursuant to the order of the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston, and Stillwater.

Original signed by: Norma R. Harris, Clerk  
Board of Education  
Central School District  
No. 2, Towns of Clifton  
Park, et. al.

Dated February 9, 1953



File

SHENENDEHOWA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROUND LAKE, N. Y.

This is to certify that I delivered a copy of  
the attached notice of the special meeting scheduled  
June March 10-53 to every qualified voter in the  
former School District No. 2 of the Town of

~~Hackensack~~

Lists of the names of those persons receiving  
the notices are attached hereto if the person  
signing this statement had other persons assisting  
him in the distribution of the notices.

Signed Charles W. Bell

Date March 7-53

(Copy of) Notice of Special District Meeting, Former Common School District No. 4, Town of Halfmoon.

Notice is hereby given that a special district meeting of the inhabitants of former Common School District No. 4, Town of Halfmoon, qualified to vote at school meetings in said former school district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said former district on the 10th day of March 1953 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to vote upon the following two questions:

1. Shall the school in the former Common School District No. 4, Town of Halfmoon, be discontinued June 30, 1953?
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston, and Stillwater, be authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the school building and site of the former Common School District No. 4, Town of Halfmoon, when it is determined by the Board of Education of the Central School District No. 2, Town of Clifton Park, et. al., that the said property is no longer needed for school purposes for the pupils of said former district or of the central district?

Done pursuant to the order of the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston, and Stillwater.

Original signed by: Norma R. Harris, Clerk  
Board of Education  
Central School District  
No. 2, Towns of Clifton  
Park, et. al.

Dated February 9, 1953

12

STANLEY MOQUIST  
LONGTAILS PONY FARM  
R. F. D. ROUTE 236  
WATERFORD, N. Y.

Minutes of Special District Meeting Former Common School  
District No. 2 Town of Halfmoon, August 19, 1957

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by Mr. Richard Burwash who called for nominations for chairman. Millard Hayner made a motion, seconded by Hamilton Harris that Stanley Moquist serve as chairman. Motion carried. Mrs. Ruth Anderson made a motion, seconded by Hamilton Harris that Mrs. Agnes Moquist serve as clerk. Motion carried.

The clerk read the Notice of Special Meeting; also the Qualifications for Voters, after which the Resolution was read. A motion was made by Millard Hayner and seconded by Hamilton Harris that the Resolution be adopted as it appeared in the Notice of Meeting. Motion carried. A discussion was then held, after which a motion was made by Millard Hayner and seconded by Hamilton Harris that the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2 be authorized to sell the school building and site of the former Common School District No. 2 at public auction. Motion carried. Ruth Anderson made a motion, seconded by Millard Hayner that the clerk cast one ballot to signify unanimous approval of the aforesaid motion. A motion was then made by Millard Hayner and seconded by Hamilton Harris that the following restriction be incorporated in the deed:

"The premises shall not be used for a junkyard  
or for the sale of intoxicating beverages."

After a discussion as to the disposition of the proceeds of the sale, a motion was made by Millard Hayner and seconded by Hamilton Harris that the proceeds from the sale of the property of Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, be given to:

- |                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) MacElroy Scholarship Fund | (1st choice)   |
| (2) PTA Scholarship Fund      | (2nd choice)   |
| (3) Teachers Scholarship Fund | (3rd choice) ; |

the above mentioned scholarships being part of the Central School District No. 2. Again, under motion by Millard Hayner, seconded by Hamilton Harris, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot signifying unanimous approval of this motion.

There were five people present at this meeting. At 9:30 a motion was made by Millard Hayner and seconded by Hamilton Harris that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Agnes Moquist*  
Agnes Moquist, Clerk

Hm 2

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Central District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston, and Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, will sell at public auction by quit claim deed to the highest bidder the site, buildings thereon and the contents owned by the former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, commonly known as the Newtown School. The auction will be held on the site of the former common school described above at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, <sup>2:00</sup> ~~September~~ <sup>October 26</sup> 7, 1957. <sup>#</sup> The Board of Education will reserve the right to reject all bids.

A deposit of 10 percent of the bid price will be required of the highest bidder at the time of the auction. The deposit will be refunded in full if the bid is rejected. The sale must be completed within thirty days after date of acceptance of the bid by the Board of Education.

CARL J. EASTON,

District Clerk,

Central School District No. 2,

Towns of Clifton Park, et al.

Carl Covell

MO 4-3091

*File*

Minutes of a Special meeting of persons qualified to vote at school meetings in former School District # 2 Town of Halfmoon, called by the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, et.al., held at the schoolhouse in former School District # 2, Town of Halfmoon on March 10<sup>th</sup> 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Morse at 7:45 PM o'clock P. M.

For Chairman Mr. Frank Belts was nominated by Millard Haynes and seconded by Alton Harris.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

The meeting voted by a show of hands, that the temporary chairman appoint two tellers.

OR

The meeting nominated the following as tellers: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. The vote was by \_\_\_\_\_.  
The result of the vote was as follows: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Alton Harris and Millard Haynes were appointed) (declared elected) as tellers.

The temporary chairman called for a vote for Chairman. (oral or Ballot)

The tellers announced the result as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was declared elected as Chairman.

The Chairman called for nominations for Clerk of the meeting.  
Stanley Moquist was ~~was~~ nominated. The vote oral or ballot was as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Stanley Moquist was declared elected as Clerk.

*Handwritten notes at bottom:*  
...this advisory committee.  
...were voted upon and elected to form  
...nominated by Stanley Moquist, seconded by Mr. Morse, and Stanley Moquist  
...nominated by Frank Belts, seconded by Mr. Morse, and Stanley Moquist  
...nominated by Stanley Moquist, seconded by Mr. Morse, and Stanley Moquist

## List of names present

Mrs Chester Belts  
Mrs. Howard Swalling  
Mrs. Shirley Travis  
Mrs. Allie Norton  
Mrs. Freida Harris  
Mr. John Vosburg  
Mrs. John Vosburg  
Mr. Elton Harris  
Mrs. Mike Gorski  
Mrs. Stanley Moquist  
Mrs. Freida Werner  
Mrs. Blanche Werner  
Mrs. Barber  
Mrs. John Lucarelli  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. John Gorsecki  
Mr. Frank Genovick  
Mr. Ray Smith  
Mr. Hamilton Harris  
Mrs. Millard Hayner  
Mr. Millard Hayner  
Mr. Stanley Moquist, Clerk  
Mr. Frank Belts, Chairman

A motion was made by Mrs. Freida Harris, seconded by Mrs. Mike Gorski that the Community retain this building for Community purposes. A vote was carried 19 for. 4 neutral.

A motion made by Blanche Werner that a Committee of 3, seconded by Millard Hayner be appointed to draw up the necessary resolutions & restrictions pertaining to the disposal of said property, was voted upon & Carried.

Freida Harris



SHENENDEHOWA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
~~SHENENDEHOWA~~ N. Y.  
ELYORA

This is to certify that I delivered a copy of  
the attached notice of the special meeting scheduled  
August 19, 1957 to every qualified voter in the  
former School District No. 2 of the Town of  
Halfmoon.

Lists of the names of those persons receiving  
the notices are attached hereto if the person  
signing this statement had other persons assisting  
him in the distribution of the notices.

Signed Camillon Harris

Date Sept 18 57

SHENENDEHOWA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ELNORA, N. Y.

(Copy of)

Notice of Special District Meeting  
Former Common School District No. 2  
Town of Halfmoon

Notice is hereby given that a special district meeting of the inhabitants of former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon, qualified to vote at school meetings in said former school district, will be held at the Common School District No. 2 Building on the 19th day of August 1957 at 7:30 P.M., D.S.T. to vote upon the following questions:

- (1) Shall the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston and Stillwater be authorized to sell the school buildings and site of the former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon at public auction and to approve the sale thereof.

or


- (2) Shall the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston and Stillwater be authorized to sell the school buildings and site of the former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon by sealed bid and to approve the sale thereof.

- (3) Shall the net proceeds from the sale of property belonging to former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon be given to Central District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park et al.

or

- (4) Shall the net proceeds from the sale of property belonging to former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon be returned to the taxpayers of former Common School District No. 2, Town of Halfmoon.

Done pursuant to the order of the Board of Education of Central School District No. 2, Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, Waterford, Ballston and Stillwater.

  
Carl J. Easton, District Clerk  
Central School District No. 2  
Towns of Clifton Park et al.

Dated: August 12, 1957

NAMES OF PERSONS VOTING AT SPECIAL MEETING  
HALFMOON 2, AUGUST 19, 1957

Hamilton Harris  
Millard Hayner  
Stanley Moguist  
Agnes Moguist  
Ruth Anderson

Waterford N. Y.  
" " R#1  
Waterford, N. Y.  
Waterford, N. Y.  
Waterford, N. Y.